THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Tamil Nadu state Electricity Board has reported that as per 1971 Census all inhabited villages in Tanjore District had been electrified before the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(d) The allocation for the Tamil Nadu for Eighth Five Year Plan for the Power sector has not yet been finalised.

IB Valley Power Plant

7124. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the visit of a U.S. power experts team to Orissa for setting up of a thermal power plant at IB valley; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under active consideration of State Government of Orissa.

[*Translation*]

STD/Telex Facility in aligarh, U.P.

7125. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether facilities of STD, telex and automatic telephone exchange are quite inadequate in Aligarh Parliamentary constituency, Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRII P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Information is beging collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Potential of Hydro Power

7126. DR. D. VNENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated potential of Hydro-electric Power in our country;

(b) the estents, it falls short of the demand; and

(c) the methods Governmet are contemplating to adopt to utilise this source of energy fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). As per the Hydro-electric re-assessment studies completed in Central Electricity Authority, the hydor-eclectric potential of the country is estimated at 84044 MW at 60 per cent load factor. Out of this 14.37 per cent has already been developed and 6.82 per cent is under various stages of development.

(c) To utilise the hydro potential for generation of power, various hydro electric power projects are being constructed by various State Governments and by the Government of India in the Central Sector. Private sector participation in hydel development is also being encouraged.